Water Butt Provision Project

Email received by Ward Cllr Andrews following the Town Clerk's enquiry as to whether the Town Council would be permitted to "repurpose" disused kerbside garden waste collection vessels as an environmental and recycling project.

From: Laura <@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk>
Date: Tuesday, 6 October 2026 at 09:25
To: Tracey Wye (Cllr) **Cc:** Nick Andrews (Cllr)
Subject: FW: Redundant garden waste collection vessels

Good morning,

Thank you for your email.

Yes, residents can choose to repurpose the bin or keep it at their property in case they decide to subscribe to the service again at a later date, or if a future tenant wishes to use the service.

However, if the bin is no longer suitable for use with the garden waste service when the resident or a future tenant wishes to subscribe, they would be required to purchase a replacement bin.

Kind regards

Further Information
Spigots and water diverters can be purchased for a combined total of approx. £17 although external funding applications could be explored with applications submitted to secure contribution.

Recommendation.

That Arlesey Town Council consider a pilot/trial scheme to convert up to a maximum of 50 disused garden waste vessels if residents "opt in" to the scheme. Conversion to be provided through the Repair Café at no cost to residents. A disclaimer to be signed by residents to accept that a cost for a replacement vessel will be needed if the kerbside garden waste collection scheme is wanted to be subscribed to at a future date and that the attachment to a gutter at the residential property would require fitting by residents themselves although the entire conversion kit is supplied by council.

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Proposal aligns with council's environmental commitments